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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Oak Level Church

Wilkes County

Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1, 1944

CHARLIE MILES, Moderator ..... Traphill, N. C.

A. C. SIDDEN, Sec. & Treas. ..... Joynes, N. C.

The next session will convene with Union Hill Church four miles North of Thurmond, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A. M. before the first Sunday in October, 1945. Elder Foy Thompson to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Dewey Cheek, Alternate.

PROCEEDINGS
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Convened with Oak Level Church September 29, 1944. The session was begun by singing from Primitive Hymn Book No. 1 and No. 533. Service was introduced by Elder J. F. Adams, who read the 15th chapter of St. John, then called on A. C. Sidden to lead in prayer. Then song 188.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. F. Adams. Text Rev. 19:7, "And His wife has made herself ready."

Remarks by Elders Frank Barker, A. C. Sidden, G. R. Cox, and Charlie Miles. Intermission of thirty minutes.

Delegates reassembled in house. Sung hymn No. 200.

Association called to order by Elder Charlie Miles, Moderator.

Association opened by Elder A. F. Walker, who read Psalm No. 1 and lined Hymn No. 3. Prayer by Elder Walker.

1st. The Moderator called for associational letters. Sixteen were handed in, read and the delegates seated.

2nd. On motion we invite newly constituted churches or any regular Baptist church of the same faith and order.

3rd. On motion we elect a moderator by nomination and ballot. Elders A. C. Sidden and Charlie Miles were nominated. Elder Charlie Miles was elected.

4th. On motion, Elder A. C. Sidden was elected clerk by acclamation.

5th. On motion we invite Correspondents of the same faith and order. A letter from the Union Baptist Associatin was handed in, read, and correspondents seated as follows: Elder W. M. Andrews, Bro. C. S. McKnight.

6th. On motion we invite transient and visitors of the same faith and order. None responded.

7th. On motion we empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments. The following committees were appointed:

(a) On Ministry—J. N. Royal, M. A. Blackburn, Lytle Norman.

(b) On Finance—M. F. Barker, D. H. Brown, W. M. Royal.

(c) On Arrangements—A. F. Walker, J. Q. Walker, G. M. Royal, F. H. Jennings, A. D. Cheek On motion Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents are invited to sit with this Committee.

(d) On Obituaries—J. P. Brooks, A. C. Sidden, A. M. Holbrook.

(e) On Resolutions—W. S. Billings, J. T. Bauguess, T. N. Royal.

(f) On Temperance—J. H. Stamper, A. C. Brown, L. W. Wood.

(g) On Time, Place and Preacher—T. G. Bauguess, D. L. Holbrook, Everitt Meacham.

(h) To write a correponding letter—On motion Elder Charlie Miles to write a letter to the Union Association.

8th. On motion we have a Committee on Sunday Schools. The Moderator appointed Elder Guy Cox, F. E. Thompson and Alton Carter.

9th. Committee on Ministry reported as follows: Tomorrow, 1st, Bro. C. S. McKnight; 2nd, Elder Foy Thompson; 3rd, Elder Guy Cox.

10th. On motion adjourn until tomorrow at ten o'clock. The Moderator called on Bro. C. S. McKnight to close. He called for Hymn No. 285, then on Elder Guy Cox to lead in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Association called to order by the Moderator. Song: "Beautiful Hills of Galilee." Elder D. H. Brown read for a scripture lesson, 1st John, 4th chapter. Song, "A Home In Heaven." Prayer by Elder W. M. Andrews.

The Moderator called on the Committee on Arrangements to report, who handed in a bill covering the work of the day, which was read, received, and the items taken up as they appeared on the bill.

1st. Clerk called the roll and marked absentees.

2nd. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches.

3rd. Invited Correspondents of the same faith and order. Elders W. W. Blackburn, C. E. Bartley, and Bro. Bryant Bauguess.

4th. Invited transients and visitors. Elder C. C. Burcham and Brethren Moya Holt, H. H. Jennings, S. T. Curry, A. J. Denny.

5th. On motion the Clerk was elected Treasurer and authorized to have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them according to the contribution of the churches and the clerk to have twenty dollars for his services.

6th. Called on Committee on Temperance to report, who reported as follows: We your Committee on Temperance submit the following: We believe that intemperance in its many forms is a drawback to the cause of Christ and the uplifting of His kingdom here on earth. We advise all ministers in our body to admonish the churches to be temperate, and warn them of the danger of intemperance, and especially of intoxicating drinks.

L. W. WOOD,
A. C. BROWN, Committee.

Report received.

7th. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report, when those appearing in this minute were handed in and ordered printed.

8th. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report, who reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following: First we thank God for His manifold blessings during the past year and seek a continuation of the same for the ensuing year. Second, we want to ask our brethren and sisters to be more prompt in filling their seats in the church, it is getting time people were getting about their duty; Christ is coming back and we know not when, always be ready. Third,

we extend our heart-felt thanks to our brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality during this association. May God bless us until we meet again.

J. T. BAUGUESS,
W. S. BILLINGS,
T. N. ROYAL, Committee.

9th. Called on Committee on Ministry to report who reported as follows:

Saturday night—1st, Dewey Cheek; 2nd, W. W. Blackburn; 3rd, A. C. Sidden.

Sunday—1st, W. M. Andrews; 2nd, C. E. Bartley; 3rd, Charlie Miles.

J. N. ROYAL,
M. A. BLACKBURN,
Committee.

Report received.

10th. Treasurer of last year reported as follows:

Received from Finance Committee	$ 82.25	
Balance from last year	46.61	
Total money in hand	$128.86	
Paid for minutes		$ 36.00
Clerk's salary		10.00
Total paid out		46.00
Balance due Association		82.86
		$128.86

Report received.

11th. Called for corresponding letter which was handed in, read, received and correspondents appointed as follows: To the Union Baptist Association to be held with Cherry Lane Church to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1945: Elders T. G. Bauguess, A. D. Cheek, C. C. Burcham, J. F. Adams, Charlie Miles, and G. R. Cox; Brethren F. H. Jennings, J. A. Childress, J. N. Royal, E. C. Wood, T. A. Miles, J. H. Holbrook, and M. C. Brown.

12th. Called on Correspondents to report. Elders T. G. Bauguess, Charlie Miles and A. F. Walker, and Brethren G. M. Royal, F. H. Jennings and M. C. Brown all reported having visited the Union Baptist Association near Galax, Va. They reported one of the best associations they had ever attended. They were well received. Report received.

13th. Called on Finance Committee to report, who reported received from the churches $80.95, eighty dollars and ninety-five cents. Report received.

14th. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report, who reported as follows: The next session to be held with Union Hill church, four miles North of Thurmond, N. C., to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1945. Elder Foy Thompson to

preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Dewey Cheek, alternate. Report received.

15th. Elders A. C. Sidden and Charlie Miles who were on the committee appointed to investigate the cause of Center Church not being represented last year reported that they visited the church and were informed by the pastor that they were going to represent this year. Report received.

16th. Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows: Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: 1st. We request that our churches organize Sunday Schools, and to take their children, not send them, and to teach them all things whatsoever I have commanded you; anl lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. So saith the Lord. Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it."

2nd. We suggest that our churches elect the officers and teachers for the Sabbath School in church conference, of characters of the highest type; apt to teach.

Report received.

GUY R. COX,
FOY E. THOMPSON,
ALTON CARTER, Committee.

17th. On motion we have the names of all members of our association who are now in the armed services of their country and the names of all whose parents are members of our association printed in this minute.

18th. Zion Church not being represented the following committee was appointed to inquire into the reason why: C. C. Burcham, T. G. Bauguess, and T. A. Miles.

19th. On motion we adjourn after preaching service to the time and place of our next association. Intermission of thirty minutes.

Reassembled in house. After song service Bro. C. S. McKnight opened service by reading Psalm 146, making some very timely remarks and offering prayer.

1st Sermon by Elder Foy Thompson. Text, Lev. 17:11, "For it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul."

2nd Sermon by Elder Guy Cox. Text, Gen. 1:2, "And the spirit of God moved upon the waters."

At the close of the preaching service the congregation sang, "Children of the Heavenly King," and took the closing handshake.

Benediction by Elder A. F. Walker.

ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Moderator.
ELDER A. C. SIDDEN, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICE

1st. Song Service.

2nd. Elder Charlie Miles read Romans 12th chapter as a scripture lesson. Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Elder T. G. Bauguess.

Elder W. M. Andrews who was assigned to preach first had just received notice by the War Department of the death of his grandson on the battle front. He spoke very tenderly about his grandson and did not take a text and preach.

1st Sermon by Elder C. E. Bartley. Text, Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

2nd Sermon by Elder Charlie Miles. Text Jonah 1:6, "What meanest thou, O sleeper?"

Prayer by Elder Mack Roberts.

Then followed a song and hand-shake.

Doxology was sung and the benediction was given by Bro. C. S. McKnight. Thus closed the seventy-sixth session of the Primitive Association in peace and love.

The order of the Association to have the names of all service men printed in this minute as per item 17 is being deferred until next year for the following reason. It worked a hardship on the church clerks by not giving them sufficient time. They could only give a partial list. As the agent of the Association I am taking the liberty to defer this until next year, because there would be some names that could not go in the minute at this time, and if any one name should not be there some one might be hurt. Then too next year there will be others and it might be necessary to do it over. I feel sure that the good brethren will realize that this is the best course as we did not have sufficient time to get complete information.

I suggest that each church clerk give the names of all service men on the back of their church letter next year. And please do it in the following order:

Members of Your Church

Names..... Rank..... Where Serving.....
If killed in action or discharged note

Names of Men Whose Parents Are Members of Your Church

Names..... Rank..... Where Serving.....
If killed in action or discharged note

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch—T. N. Royal.
Austin—D. H. Brown, G. R. Cox, George Lyon, John Holbrook.
Bethany—M. A. Blackburn, L. W. Wood, E. M. Wiles, H. M. Wiles.
Center—A. Hincher, G. F. Adams.
Double Creek—A. M. Holbrook, F. C. Armes, D. L. Holbrook.
Garden Creek—J. P. Brooks, Nora Gilliam, Mack Brown.
Liberty Knob—Charlie Miles, J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, Ernest Wood, J. N. Barker.
Mining Ridge—Dewey Cheek, B. F. Norman, Gwyn Bauguess.
Mountain Valley—Arthur Stamper, J. H. Stamper
Mt. Zion—Chapler Keithe, F. H. Jennings, John Adams, Foy Thompson, Everitt Meacham.

New Covenant—T. A. Miles, Garnis Miles.
Oak Level—J. M. Spicer, J. M. Cockerham, M. F. Barker, T. D. Barker, D. A Absher.
Rachel—Roger Dimmette, W. S. Billings.
Roaring River—A. C. Sidden, J. Q. Walker, L. B. Holbrook, Buel Warren.
Round Hill—J. T. Bauguess.
Round Mountain—J. C. Felts, A. C. Brown, S. M. Shumate.
Union—W. M. Royal, Arthur Norman, John R. Royal.
Union Hill—A. F. Walker, C. C. McCann, D. R. Norman, Jess Childress, L. B. Norman.
Zion—Not represented.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, John F. ..... R. 2, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Adams, H. A. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Barker, J. N. ..... Lomax, N. C.
Barker, M. F. ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Bauguess, T. G. ..... Mountain Park, N. C.
Brown, D. H. ..... Traphill, N. C.
Brown, J. W. ..... Traphill, N. C.
Burcham, C. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Calloway, J. F. ..... Jonesville, N. C.
Cheek, Dewey ..... State Road, N. C.
Cleary, D. O. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cox, G. R. ..... Newport News, Va.
Dillard, D. M. ..... Hays, N. C.
Dillard, M. C. ..... Hays, N. C.
Douglass, E. E. ..... McGrady, N. C.
Franklin, Roy ..... Hays, N. C.
Handy, W. R. ..... Hays, N. C.
Harrold, J. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Johnson, Roby ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Miles Charlie ..... Traphill, N. C.
Sidden, A. C. ..... Joynes, N. C.
Thompson Foy ..... R. 3, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Walker, A. F. ..... Thurmond, N. C.
Walker, J. W. ..... Hays, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Saturday of Ch. Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions	Time of Communion Meeting
Antioch	Mack Dowell, Leroy Eller	Franklin Royal, Whitehead, N. C.	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	....	44	$ 2.00	Sept.
Austin	Charlie Miles, Howard Royal	B. C. Speaks, Traphill, N. C.	2	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	67	5.00	July
Bethany	Charlie Miles	M. A. Blackburn, R. 1, Roaring River	3	....	4	1	2	1	....	5	1	1	125	7.00	July
Center	D. M. Dillard	H. M. Lockhart, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	2	....	1	....	1	....	....	4	1	4	193	3.00	Aug.
Double Creek	M. C. Dillard, Arthur Gambill, Thea Hendrix	A. M. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.	....	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	55	4.00	Aug.
Garden Creek	A. C. Sidden	J. P. Brooks, Traphill, N. C.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	31	2.50	Aug.
Liberty Knob	A. F. Walker, Charlie Miles	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	5.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	Gwyn Bauguess, Dewey Cheeks	F. C. Wall, Elkin, N. C.	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	27	3.50	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Uriah Hanks, Ruzy Harrold	J. H. Stamper, McGrady, N. C.	1	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	32	2.00	Aug.
Mt. Zion	Foy Thompson, John Adams	Evritt Meacham, Winston-Salem, N. C.	2	....	4	4	5	....	....	4	....	2	99	10.00	June
New Covenant	M. C. Dillard, Ernest Blevins	T. A. Miles, Hays, N. C.	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	122	3.10	Aug.
Oak Level	H. A. Adams, M. F. Barker, Howard Royal	James M. Spicer, Traphill, N. C.	1	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	74	3.50	Aug.
Rachel	Charlie Miles, John Burcham	S. T. Curry, Roaring River, N. C.	....	....	1	6	1	....	....	....	....	2	152	6.55	Aug.
Roaring River	Charlie Miles, A. C. Sidden	R. A. Sidden, Joynes, N. C.	1	1	4	4	2	....	....	1	....	1	129	9.05	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	J. T. Bauguess, Lomax, N. C.	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	126	3.00	Aug.
Round Mountain	M. C. Dillard, W. R. Handy, H. A. Adams, C. C. Burcham, J. C Harrold	J. C. Felts, Hays, N. C.	4	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	78	4.25	Aug.
Union	A. C. Sidden	W. M. Royal, Traphill, N. C.	....	....	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	37	3.00	Sept.
Union Hill	A. F. Walker, T. G. Bauguess, Dewey Cheeks	C. C. McCann, Thurmond, N. C.	1	1	1	3	....	3	....	1	....	1	56	5.00	Sept.
Zion	Not represented														
		Totals	24	5	....	21	14	6	....	22	4	16	1485	$81.45	....

OBITUARIES

ADAMS

Sarah Ann E. Wood Adams, wife of George W. Adams, was born June 10th, 1876, died Jan. 19th, 1943, making her stay on earth 66 years, 7 month and 9 days. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Center Baptist Church and remained a member until death. She leaves a husband, one daughter, Mrs. Mae Brown, one son, Dewey Adams, both of North Wilkesboro, R. 1., six step children and several grandchildren, and one brother, J. O. Wood, one sister, Mrs. J. C. Adams. She was a good wife and loving mother and a good, kind neighbor, and loved by all who knew her.

Farewell, dear husband and children,
My body to the grave must go,
But with the Lord I soon shall be—
Prepare for death and follow me.

BARNETTE

Elizabeth Barnette was born May 5, 1871, and departed this life May 24, 1944, aged 73 year and 19 days. She was married to Pinkney Barnette Dec. 1, 1892, and unto this union was born two children, one daughter and one son. Her husband preceded her in death 27 years ago. Her daughter preceded her in death about sixteen years ago. She professed a hope in Christ and joined old Zion Church about 1890 and later moved her membership to Center Baptist Church, where she remained a constant member until the death angel called her home. She leaves a son, two sisters and two brothers, 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and many friends to mourn her loss.

Mother, mother, how we loved her,
But Jesus loved her more;
He has called her home to be with Him
On that bright and happy shore forevermore.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved to hear is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Written by her granddaughter,
MARCELENE BARNETTE.

BILLINGS

T. A. Billings was born Sept. 22, 1879; died Dec. 30, 1943. He was married to Cynthia Crabb Dec. 22, 1899. Unto this union was born 11 children, 8 living and 3 dead. Those that are living: Garden, Mary, Spencer, Jonah, Tyra, Burlie, Lula and Granville. August 7th, 1902, he joined the church at Rachel, where he remained a member until

death. The first Saturday in December, 1921, he was ordained a deacon. He served as clerk for two years.

Dear husband and father, you are gone from us,
Never here in our home will you be;
But never will your memory fade
Around the grave where you are laid.

CAUDILL

Mary Clementine Sidden Caudill was born Feb. 7, 1856, died Jan. 28, 1944, making her stay on earth 87 years, 11 months and 21 days.

She was married to J. M. Caudill July 16, 1895. Unto this union was born 2 boys: Andrew Caudill, of Miles, living; Willie Caudill died in infancy. Her husband passed on 46 years ago. She leaves 1 son, 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. She professed a hope in Christ and joined Garden Creek Baptist Church where she remained until death.

She had been a cripple for 25 years and she bore her suffering with patience and we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Weep not for her, her life is o'er,
But prepare to meet her where parting is no more.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Written by ELDER HOWARD ROYAL.

GAMBILL

John F. Gabill, son of the late Shadrick Gambill and Emaline Stone Mahaffey Gambill, was born Oct. 23, 1869. Died June 2, 1944. His stay on earth was 74 years, 7 months and 9 days. In early life he professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Walnut Grove. Later on he joined the church at Double Creek, where he remained a faithful member until death. January 14, 1896, he was married to Idona May. Unto this union was born three children, two living and one dead. His first wife departed this life September 18, 1907.

August 7, 1910, he was married to Geneva Ellis; unto this union was born 8 children, all living. His second wife, Geneva, preceded him in death April 5, 1934. He leaves ten loving children, namely: Dewey Gambill, Winston-Salem; Rev. Arthur Gambill, Abshers; Mrs. Deette Truitt, Abshers; Mrs. Nora Eller, Wilkesboro Route 1, Mrs. Mae Faw, North Wilkesboro, Route 1; Mrs. Floss Absher, Mrs. Carrie Eller, Kannapolis; Dellie, Herbert and Albert Gambill, all of the home; 13 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 1 sister—Sam Gambill, Abshers, N. C.; Marius Gambill, Abshers, N. C.; Oscar Gambill, Baltimore, Md., one sister, Louisa Myers, Winston-Salem, and a host of

relatives and friends to mourn their loss. While it is our loss we believe heaven is his gain.

Dear father, you are gone from us,
Nevermore in our homes will you be;
But never will your memory fade
Around the grave where you are laid.

Gone but not forgotten.

JOHNSON

Nancy Launy Johnson, born April 12, 1876, died May 17, 1944. Age 68 years, 1 month, 5 days. She professed a hope in Christ several years ago and joined Roaring River Church July, 1936.

She is survived by 4 sisters and two brothers: Miss Mollie Johnson, Mrs. M. D. McGrady, Mrs. J. W. Nickelson and Miss Eula Johnson, Mr. Robert Johnson and Mr. Ben Johnson.

McBRIDE

Margaret Ann Yale McBride was born May 22, 1871. Died Nov. 24, 1943. Age 72 years, 6 months and 2 days.

She was married to Joe Tyre McBride Feb. 26, 1893. Unto this union were born six children, three boys and three girls. All are living but one boy. The living are Barnie McBride, of Nottingham, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Eddie Brown, Mrs. Ruth Billings, and Walter McBride, of Traphill, N. C., Mrs. Fannie Bauguess, of Tallahassee, Fla.

In addition to her own children she leaves fourteen grand-children, her husband, four sisters, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing, but we believe our loss is her eternal gain.

She professed a hope in Christ thirty-six years ago last February, but did not unite with any church.

She was a kind, honest, affectionate, hard working woman whose passing is a great loss to this community.

The writer heard her say a few years ago, "I am going to join Roaring River Church, but I want to wait for Joe."

Dear, good old uncle Joe,
She's waiting for you
On yonder eternal shore;
Just you, to Jesus be true,
And you'll meet once more,
And old acquaintance renew.

NORMAN

Mrs. Matilda Norman, born October, 1855, deceased April 2, 1944. Age 88 years and 8 months. She was married to Frank Norman, date of marriage lost. To this union were born 8 children, 6 living: Jim, Barney and Fred Norman, all of State Road, N. C.; Girls: Mrs. Billy Snow, of Benham, N. C., Mrs. Kelly Wilmoth, of Leaksville, N. C., Mrs.

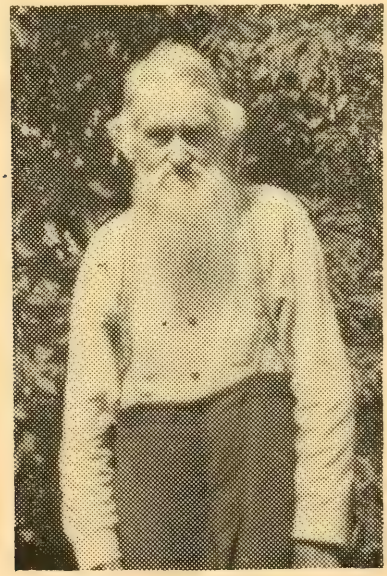
William Wellborn, of State Road, N. C., one stepdaughter, Mrs. Leota Carter, of Benham, one brother and two sisters living. Also, she leaves 32 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She professed a hope and joined Swan Creek Church in Yadkin County many years ago. Later she moved her membership and was a charter member in the organization of Mining Ridge Regular Baptist Church, where she remained a consistent member until death. She loved her church and worked for the interest of same. Her body was laid beside her husband at Shoaly Branch to rest until the great trumpet sounds, which will wake all nations of the dead.

She was a good mother, a faithful church member, a good neighbor, and a model of her community. She's gone but not forgotten now. To the children, grandchildren and connections, all who are not prepared to die, let me admonish you, if you want to see mother and grandmother again, prepare to meet thy God.

Funeral services conducted by Elders A. Foard Walker and L. B. Murray.

Written by request. A. FOARD WALKER.

OWENS



Elder James M. Owens

Elder James M. Owens, the son of the late Franklin and Sarah Harrold Owens, was born September 27, 1857, and died April 7, 1944, age 86 years, 6 months and 10 days. He was married to Matilda Brewer on March 29, 1885. To this union were born four children.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Franklin, Russell and Sarah Owens, of Hays. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Charlie. He is also survived by two grandsons, Monroe Owens, of Hays, and Pvt. Crusoe Owens, of the United States Army, and two great grandchildren.

He professed a hope in Christ in 1884 and united with Zion Baptist Church, later moving his membership to Bethel Baptist Church. He was licensed to exercise a public gift in the ministry in 1886 by Bethel Church, and was ordained to the ministry one year later. He later moved his membership to Bethany Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until death.

He served as Moderator of the Primitive Baptist Association for eight years, and Secretary and Treasurer of the Association for six years. His knowledge of the Bible was rarely surpassed because he was a faithful reader.

He was loved by all who knew him. He was honest, fair minded, upright, and his character was above reproach. He always stood for right and opposed wrong. He spent his life in helping others. His presence will be missed but we feel his life will live forever in the minds of those who knew him.

Funeral service was held at the home and burial was in the family cemetery. Ministers who conducted the service included Rev. Curtis Burcham, Rev. H. A. Adams, Rev. D. C. Miller, Rev. J. S. Bryant and Rev. Roosevelt Harrold.

What a friend we had in father,
Who was always near and dear;
We shall never forget him,
But love him with tender care.
Death has come and taken him away
To live with Christ forevermore.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Priitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed the number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Associatinn shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall

not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.